

Model validation and stochastic stability of a hydro-turbine governing system under hydraulic excitations

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Abstract This paper addresses the stability of a hydro-turbine governing system under hydraulic excitations. During the operation of a hydro-turbine, water hammer with different intensities occurs frequently, resulting in the stochastic change of the cross-sectional area (A) of the penstock. In this study, we first introduce a stochastic variable u to the cross-sectional area (A) of the penstock related to the intensity of water hammer. Using the Chebyshev polynomial approximation, the stochastic hydro-turbine governing model is simplified to its equivalent deterministic model, by which the dynamic characteristics of the stochastic hydro-turbine governing system can be obtained from numerical experiments. From comparisons based on an operational hydropower station, we verify that the stochastic model is suitable for describing the dynamic behaviors of the hydro-turbine governing system in full-scale applications. We also analyze the change laws of the dynamic variables under increasing stochastic intensity. Moreover, the differential coefficient with different

values is used to study the stability of the system, and stability of the hydro-turbine flow with the increasing load disturbance is also presented. Finally, all of the above numerical results supply some basis for modeling efficiently the operation of large hydropower stations.

Key words: sustainable water energy; stochastic stability; hydro-turbine governing system; shock load.

1. Introduction

By 2014, the total installed capacity of sustainable water energy in China, representing approximately 25% of the worldwide installed capacity, exceeded 3×10^8 kW. Furthermore, the installed global hydropower capacity is expected to double in the next 30 years [1–3], bringing it to 2×10^9 kW. Clearly, hydropower has a promising prospect. Several challenging problems, however, exist in the operation of large hydropower stations. These problems include the vibrations of hydro-turbine generator units, the occurrence of water hammer in the penstock, and the increasing randomness of electric loads due to diverse power generation sources [4–6]. These problems are inseparably linked with the regulation of hydro-turbine governing systems. In recent years, studies of the hydro-turbine governing system have been mainly divided into two categories. The first category focuses on operational conditions and the hydro-structure of hydropower stations [7–13]. The second category focuses on the mathematical models of hydropower stations to optimize dynamic behaviors in terms of hydro-turbine control [14–22]. Conversely, the effects of the water hammer on the penstock are rarely considered in the mathematical modeling of hydro-turbine governing systems.

Water hammer is a commonly recognized general problem in transmission penstocks, and occurs when there is an abrupt change of flow in the penstock. Some possible causes leading to water hammer include, among others, the startup (or shutdown) of hydro-turbine generator units,

50 rapid change in transmission conditions, and opening and closure of valves [23–27]. Moreover,
51 high-intensity water hammer can lead to significant damages and even disruption of the
52 hydro-turbine governing system [28–31]. The propagation process of water hammer occurring in the
53 penstock can be divided into four stages, i.e. the compression process, the recovery process, the
54 expansion process, and another recovery process. During the propagation process, frequent flow
55 changing in the penstock makes water hammer with different intensities arise continuously, which
56 leads to the stochastic change of the cross-sectional area A of the penstock.

57 In light of these considerations, four significant innovations are presented in this paper. First,
58 for a large hydropower station, we propose a stochastic model of the hydro-turbine governing
59 system. Moreover, as pioneering research, we reduce the stochastic model to its equivalent
60 deterministic model by using the Chebyshev polynomial approximation. Second, from numerical
61 experiments based on a large currently operating hydropower station, we verify that the stochastic
62 model is suitable for describing the behaviors of the hydro-turbine governing system in the
63 operational process. Third, the effect of the stochastic intensity D on the stability of the above
64 system is analyzed. Fourth, we present the laws of stable ranges of the hydro-turbine flow q , the
65 guide vane opening y , and the head loss h_q at the hydro-turbine entrance under different conditions.

66 The rest of this paper is organized as follows. Section 1 presents the modeling process of the
67 hydro-turbine governing system. In Section 2, the stochastic model of the hydro-turbine governing
68 system and its simplified deterministic model are proposed. Numerical experiments along with
69 detailed analyses are presented in Section 3. Finally, Section 4 summarizes the results.

70 **2. Mathematical modeling of a hydro-turbine governing system**

71 From Newton's second law of motion, the dynamic mathematical equations of the penstock
72 system are

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$$\begin{cases} h_t = h_r - h_f \\ h_f = f_1 q^2 \\ h_q = Z_{01} q \tanh(T_{01} s) \end{cases}, \quad (1)$$

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where h_r is the relative value of the rated head, h_t is the relative value of the hydro-turbine head, h_f is the friction head loss in the penstock, h_q is the head loss at the hydro-turbine entrance, and f_1 is the friction factor of the penstock. The head loss h_q , considering the elastic water hammer effect, can be written as [4, 19]

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$$h_{q1}(s) = Z_{01} \frac{\pi^2 T_{01} s + T_{01}^3 s^3}{\pi^2 + 4 T_{01}^2 s^2} q_1(s). \quad (2)$$

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Turning Eq. (2) into the state-space equations results in

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$$\begin{cases} x_1 = x_2 \\ x_2 = x_3 \\ x_3 = -\frac{\pi^2}{T_{01}^2} x_2 + \frac{1}{Z_{01} T_{01}^3} h_{q1}, \\ q = -3\pi^2 x_2 + \frac{4}{Z_{01} T_{01}} h_{q1} \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

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where T_{01} is the elastic time constant of the penstock system, $T_{01} = \frac{L}{v}$; L is the length of the penstock; v is the speed of the surge pressure wave in the penstock; and Z_{01} is the resistance value of the hydraulic surge in the penstock system, which can be expressed as

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$$Z_{01} = \frac{v Q_r}{A g H_r}, \quad (4)$$

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where Q_r is the rated flow, H_r is the rated head, g is the acceleration of gravity, A is the cross-sectional area of the penstock, and q is the relative value of the hydro-turbine flow.

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For a synchronous generator system, a first-order mathematical model is used, which is

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$$\omega = \frac{1}{T_{ab}} (m_t - m_{g0} - e_n \omega), \quad (5)$$

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where ω is the angular speed of the generator, ω_0 is the rated angular speed of the generator, e_n is the accommodation coefficient, m_{g0} is the load disturbance of the generator, and m_t is the output torque of the hydro-turbine. The traditional mathematical equation of the output torque for a

hydro-turbine, proposed by an IEEE Working Group in 1993, is often adopted in the mathematical modeling of a hydro-turbine governing system [28], which is

$$P_{m-IEEE} = A_t h_t (q - q_{nl}) - D_t y \omega. \quad (6)$$

Since the organization structures (the mounting height of the guide vane, the flow angle of the guide vane, etc.) for different types of hydro-turbines are very different, Eq. (6) is just a general equation that cannot reflect the fine characteristics of the output power for a specific hydro-turbine in a transient process. In this paper, the output torque derived using the internal characteristics method is described as [19]

$$\begin{cases} h_t(t) = \frac{\omega}{g} \left[\left(\frac{\cot \gamma}{2\pi b_0} + r \frac{\cot \beta}{F} \right) q(t) - \omega r^2 \right] \\ m_t(t) = \rho \left[\left(\frac{\cot \gamma}{2\pi b_0} + r \frac{\cot \beta}{F} \right) q_1 - \omega r^2 \right] \end{cases}, \quad (7)$$

where γ is the flow angle of the guide vane, β is the flow angle of the middle area of the runner, b_0 is the mounting height of the guide vane, r is the radius of the middle area of the runner, and F is the area of the exit of the runner.

The hydraulic servo model is

$$T_y \frac{dy}{dt} + y - y_0 = u, \quad (8)$$

where T_y is the major relay connector response time of the hydraulic servo model; y_0 is the initial incremental deviation of the guide vane opening; and u is the output signal of the hydraulic servo model, which is described by Eq. (9):

$$u = k_p (r - \omega) + k_i \int (r - \omega) dt + k_d (r - \omega). \quad (9)$$

From Eqs. (1)–(9), the dynamic mathematical equations of the hydro-turbine governing system are

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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_1 = x_2 \\ x_2 = x_3 \\ x_3 = -\frac{\pi^2}{T_{01}^2} x_2 + \frac{1}{Z_{01} T_{01}^3} (h_0 - f q^2 - h_t) \\ q = -3\pi^2 x_2 + \frac{4}{Z_{01} T_{01}} (h_0 - f q^2 - h_t) \\ \omega = \frac{1}{T_{ab}} (m_t - m_{g0} - e_n \omega) \\ y = \frac{1}{T_y} (k_p (r - \omega) + k_i x_4 - k_d \omega - y + y_0) \\ x_4 = r - \omega \end{array} \right. \quad (10)$$

113 Considering $c = \frac{4}{Z_{01} T_{01}}$, $a = -\frac{\pi^2}{T_{01}^2}$, and $b = \frac{1}{4T_{01}^2} c$, Eq. (10) can be rewritten as

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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_1 = x_2 \\ x_2 = x_3 \\ x_3 = a x_2 + \frac{1}{4T_{01}^2} c (h_0 - f q^2 - h_t) \\ q = -3\pi^2 x_2 + c (h_0 - f q^2 - h_t) \\ \omega = \frac{1}{T_{ab}} (m_t - m_{g0} - e_n \omega) \\ y = \frac{1}{T_y} (k_p (r - \omega) + k_i x_4 - k_d \omega - y + y_0) \\ x_4 = r - \omega \end{array} \right. \quad (11)$$

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3. Mathematical modeling of the stochastic hydro-turbine governing system

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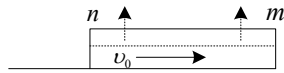
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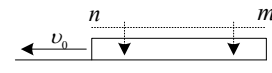
Water hammer, which is basically a pressure wave, occurs when there is an abrupt change of flow in the penstock. Due to the effect of the viscoelastic characteristics of the penstock wall, the cross-sectional area of the penstock changes correspondingly during water hammer propagation. Figure 1 illustrates the change law for the four stages of the water hammer propagation process.

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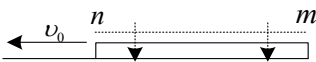
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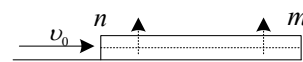
(b) the recovery process

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(c) the expansion process



(d) the second recovery process

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Fig. 1 Schematic description of the pressure wave propagation processes in the penstock. (a) the

compression process; (b) the recovery process; (c) the expansion process; (d) the second recovery process.

Figure 1 shows the water in the penstock flowing from position n to position m with a steady flow v_0 during the stable operation of a hydropower station. As shown in Fig. 1(a), when the water gate at position m is closed unexpectedly, water hammer arises immediately, and the water in the penstock starts flowing slowly down to position m until the flow rate becomes zero. During this period, water in the penstock becomes compressed. The penstock wall, however, is in an expansive state. Since the pressure in the penstock is greater than the normal pressure during stable operation, the penstock wall comes into the recovery process as shown in Fig. 1(b). With regards to Fig. 1(b), the water flows from position m to position n with an increasing flow, and the penstock wall returns gradually to normal. Due to the non-zero velocity of the flow in the penstock, the water flow continues to decrease, which is shown in Fig. 1(c). At this moment, the penstock wall is in a compressive state because the pressure in the penstock is less than the normal pressure. When the flow rate decreases to zero, the penstock wall begins to enter into the second recovery process as shown in Fig. 1(d). Thereafter the penstock wall returns to normal.

The flow in the penstock changes continuously during operation of a hydropower station, especially in transient processes. Therefore, water hammer invariably arises during operation. Correspondingly, the cross-sectional area A of the penstock changes with a degree of randomness, which has a close connection with the strength of the water hammer. From Eqs. (10) and (11), the variable c can be rewritten as

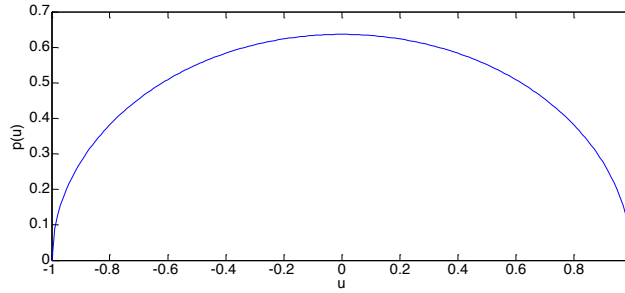
$$c = 4 \frac{AgH_r}{T_{01}vQ_r}. \quad (12)$$

Equation (12) can be used to show that the variable c has the same randomness as the stochastic cross-sectional area A of the penstock. Considering the change law of the stochastic cross-sectional

148 area A of the penstock in the aforementioned propagation processes, we innovatively introduce a
 149 stochastic parameter u into the expression for the variable c , which satisfies the vaulted probability
 150 density function [32]. The probability density function of u can be described as

$$151 \quad p(u) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{\pi} \sqrt{1-u^2}; & |u| \leq 1. \\ 0; & |u| > 1. \end{cases} \quad (13)$$

152 The $p(u)$ is illustrated in Fig. 2.



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 154 Fig. 2 The probability density function $p(u)$.

155 The stochastic variable c can be expressed as

$$156 \quad c = \bar{c} + Du, \quad (14)$$

157 where \bar{c} , D , and $\frac{D}{2}$ are the mean value, stochastic intensity, and variance of the stochastic
 158 variable c , respectively. Based on $p(u)$, we used the Chebyshev polynomial approximation to
 159 transform the stochastic hydro-turbine governing system into the deterministic hydro-turbine
 160 governing system. The Chebyshev polynomial approximation is

$$161 \quad U_n(u) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(-1)^k (n-k)!}{k!(n-2k)!} (2u)^{n-2k}, \quad (15)$$

162 and its recurrence relation is

$$163 \quad uU_n(u) = \frac{1}{2}[U_{n-1}(u) + U_{n+1}(u)]. \quad (16)$$

164 In addition, the approximation property of the Chebyshev polynomial approximation can be
 165 expressed as

$$166 \quad \int_{-1}^1 \frac{2}{\pi} \sqrt{1-u^2} U_i(u) U_j(u) du = \begin{cases} 1, & i = j \\ 0, & i \neq j \end{cases}. \quad (17)$$

167 From the approximation theory of orthogonal polynomials and the aforementioned analyses, the
 168 dynamic parameters in Eq. (11) can be written as

$$\begin{cases}
 x_1(t, u) = \sum_{i=0}^N x_{1(i)}(t) U_i(u) \\
 x_2(t, u) = \sum_{i=0}^N x_{2(i)}(t) U_i(u) \\
 x_3(t, u) = \sum_{i=0}^N x_{3(i)}(t) U_i(u) \\
 q(t, u) = \sum_{i=0}^N q_i(t) U_i(u) \\
 \delta(t, u) = \sum_{i=0}^N \delta_i(t) U_i(u) \\
 \omega(t, u) = \sum_{i=0}^N \omega_i(t) U_i(u) \\
 y(t, u) = \sum_{i=0}^N y_i(t) U_i(u) \\
 x_4(t, u) = \sum_{i=0}^N x_{4(i)}(t) U_i(u)
 \end{cases}, \quad (18)$$

170 where N is the maximum number of Chebyshev polynomials.

171 Substituting Eq. (18) into Eq. (11), the stochastic hydro-turbine governing system can be rewritten as

$$\begin{cases}
 \frac{d}{dt} \left[\sum_{i=0}^N x_{1(i)}(t) U_i(u) \right] = \sum_{i=0}^N x_{2(i)}(t) U_i(u) \\
 \frac{d}{dt} \left[\sum_{i=0}^N x_{2(i)}(t) U_i(u) \right] = \sum_{i=0}^N x_{3(i)}(t) U_i(u) \\
 \frac{d}{dt} \left[\sum_{i=0}^N x_{3(i)}(t) U_i(u) \right] = a \left[\sum_{i=0}^N x_{2(i)}(t) U_i(u) \right] + \frac{1}{4T_{01}^2} h_v \\
 \frac{d}{dt} \left[\sum_{i=0}^N q_i(t) U_i(u) \right] = -3\pi^2 \left[\sum_{i=0}^N x_{2(i)}(t) U_i(u) \right] + h_v \\
 \frac{d}{dt} \left[\sum_{i=0}^N \delta_i(t) U_i(u) \right] = \omega_0 \left(\sum_{i=0}^N \omega_i(t) U_i(u) - r \right) \\
 \frac{d}{dt} \left[\sum_{i=0}^N \omega_i(t) U_i(u) \right] = \frac{1}{T_{ab}} \left(\rho \left[\left(\frac{\cot \gamma}{2\pi b_0} + r \frac{\cot \beta}{F} \right) \left[\sum_{i=0}^N q(t) U_i(u) \right] - \left[\sum_{i=0}^N \omega_i(t) U_i(u) \right] r^2 \right] - m_{g0} - e_n \left[\sum_{i=0}^N \omega_i(t) U_i(u) \right] \right) \\
 \frac{d}{dt} \left[\sum_{i=0}^N y_i(t) U_i(u) \right] = \frac{1}{T_y} \left(k_p \left(r - \sum_{i=0}^N \omega_i(t) U_i(u) \right) + k_i x_4 - k_d \frac{d}{dt} \left[\sum_{i=0}^N \omega_i(t) U_i(u) \right] - \sum_{i=0}^N y_i(t) U_i(u) + y_s \right) \\
 \frac{d}{dt} \left[\sum_{i=0}^N x_{4(i)}(t) U_i(u) \right] = r - \sum_{i=0}^N \omega_i(t) U_i(u)
 \end{cases} \quad (19)$$

$$\text{173 where } h_v = (\bar{c} + Du)(h_0 - f_1 \left[\sum_{i=0}^N q_i(t) U_i(u) \right]^2 - \frac{y_r^2}{\left[\sum_{i=0}^N y_i(t) U_i(u) \right]^2} \left[\sum_{i=0}^N q_i(t) U_i(u) \right]^2).$$

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175 The nonlinear terms $\left[\sum_{i=0}^N q_i(t)U_i(u) \right]^2$ and $\left[\sum_{i=0}^N y_i(t)U_i(u) \right]^2$ in Eq. (19) can be expanded as

$$176 \quad \begin{cases} \left[\sum_{i=0}^N q_i(t)U_i(u) \right]^2 = q_0^2(t)U_0^2(u) + q_N^2(t)U_N^2(u) + 2q_0(t)q_1(t)U_0(u)U_1(u) + 2q_N(t)q_{N-1}(t)U_N(u)U_{N-1}(u) \\ \left[\sum_{i=0}^N y_i(t)U_i(u) \right]^2 = y_0^2(t)U_0^2(u) + y_N^2(t)U_N^2(u) + 2y_0(t)y_1(t)U_0(u)U_1(u) + 2y_N(t)y_{N-1}(t)U_N(u)U_{N-1}(u) \end{cases} \quad (20)$$

177 From Eq. (20), we can get the following equations

$$178 \quad \begin{aligned} U_0^2(u) &= U_0 \\ 2U_0U_1 &= 2U_1 \\ 2U_1U_2 &= 2(U_3 + U_1) \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

179 In light of this, Eq. (20) can be written in linear combinations. Assuming that the coefficients of

180 $U_i(u)$ in the linear combinations are C_{qi} and C_{yi} , respectively, Eq. (20) becomes

$$181 \quad \begin{cases} \left[\sum_{i=0}^N q_i(t)U_i(u) \right]^2 = C_0(t)U_0(u) + C_N(t)U_N(u) = \sum_{i=0}^N C_{qi}(t)U_i(u) \\ \left[\sum_{i=0}^N y_i(t)U_i(u) \right]^2 = C_0(t)U_0(u) + C_N(t)U_N(u) = \sum_{i=0}^N C_{yi}(t)U_i(u) \end{cases} \quad (22)$$

182 and $Du \left[\sum_{i=0}^N q_i(t)U_i(u) \right]^2$ and $Du \left[\sum_{i=0}^N y_i(t)U_i(u) \right]^2$ can be simplified as

$$183 \quad \begin{cases} Du \left[\sum_{i=0}^N q_i(t)U_i(u) \right]^2 = D \left[u \sum_{i=0}^N C_{qi}(t)U_i(u) \right] = \frac{1}{2} D \sum_{i=0}^N C_{qi}(t) [U_{i-1}(u) + U_{i+1}(u)] = \frac{1}{2} D \sum_{i=0}^N [C_{q(i-1)}(t) + C_{q(i+1)}(t)] U_i(u) \\ Du \left[\sum_{i=0}^N y_i(t)U_i(u) \right]^2 = D \left[u \sum_{i=0}^N C_{yi}(t)U_i(u) \right] = \frac{1}{2} D \sum_{i=0}^N C_{yi}(t) [U_{i-1}(u) + U_{i+1}(u)] = \frac{1}{2} D \sum_{i=0}^N [C_{y(i-1)}(t) + C_{y(i+1)}(t)] U_i(u) \end{cases} \quad (23)$$

184 where $C_{q(-1)} = 0$, $C_{y(-1)} = 0$, $C_{q(N+1)} = 0$, and $C_{y(N+1)} = 0$.

185 From the aforementioned analyses, the stochastic hydro-turbine governing system can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}
186 \quad & \left\{ \begin{aligned}
\frac{d}{dt} \left[\sum_{i=0}^N x_{1(i)}(t) U_i(u) \right] &= \sum_{i=0}^N x_{2i}(t) U_i(u) \\
\frac{d}{dt} \left[\sum_{i=0}^N x_{2(i)}(t) U_i(u) \right] &= \sum_{i=0}^N x_{3i}(t) U_i(u) \\
\frac{d}{dt} \left[\sum_{i=0}^N x_{3(i)}(t) U_i(u) \right] &= a \left[\sum_{i=0}^N x_{2i}(t) U_i(u) \right] + \frac{\bar{c}}{4T_{01}^2} k_1 + \frac{D}{4T_{01}^2} k_2 \\
\frac{d}{dt} \left[\sum_{i=0}^N q(t) U_i(u) \right] &= -3\pi^2 \left[\sum_{i=0}^N x_{2i}(t) U_i(u) \right] + \bar{c}k_1 + Dk_2 \\
\frac{d}{dt} \left[\sum_{i=0}^N \delta_i(t) U_i(u) \right] &= \omega_0 \left(\sum_{i=0}^N \omega_i(t) U_i(u) - r \right) \\
\frac{d}{dt} \left[\sum_{i=0}^N \omega_i(t) U_i(u) \right] &= \frac{1}{T_{ab}} \left\{ \rho \left[\left(\frac{\cot \gamma}{2\pi b_0} + r \frac{\cot \beta}{F} \right) \left[\sum_{i=0}^N q(t) U_i(u) \right] - \left[\sum_{i=0}^N \omega_i(t) U_i(u) \right] r^2 \right] - m_{gs} - e_n \left[\sum_{i=0}^N \omega_i(t) U_i(u) \right] \right\} \\
\frac{d}{dt} \left[\sum_{i=0}^N y_i(t) U_i(u) \right] &= \frac{1}{T_y} \left(k_p \left(r - \sum_{i=0}^N \omega_i(t) U_i(u) \right) + k_i x_{4(i)} - k_d \frac{d}{dt} \left[\sum_{i=0}^N \omega_i(t) U_i(u) \right] - \sum_{i=0}^N y_i(t) U_i(u) + y_s \right) \\
\frac{d}{dt} \left[\sum_{i=0}^N x_{4(i)}(t) U_i(u) \right] &= r - \sum_{i=0}^N \omega_i(t) U_i(u)
\end{aligned} \right. \quad (24)
\end{aligned}$$

$$187 \quad \text{where} \quad k_2 = uh_0 - \frac{f_1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^N [C_{y(i-1)}(t) + C_{y(i+1)}(t)] U_i(u) - \frac{y_r^2}{2 \sum_{i=0}^N C_{y(i)}(t) U_i(u)} \left(\sum_{i=0}^N [C_{q(i-1)}(t) + C_{q(i+1)}(t)] U_i(u) \right), \quad \text{and}$$

$$188 \quad k_1 = h_s - f_1 \left(\sum_{i=0}^N C_{q(i)}(t) U_i(u) \right) - \frac{y_r^2}{\sum_{i=0}^N C_{y(i)}(t) U_i(u)} \left(\sum_{i=0}^N C_{q(i)}(t) U_i(u) \right).$$

189 If the value of variable N is assumed to be ∞ , Eq. (24) is identical to Eq. (11). However, if the
190 variable N has a finite value, Eq. (24) is an approximate expression of Eq. (11). Multiplying $U_i(u)$
191 and taking the mathematical expectation with regard to the stochastic variable u on both sides of Eq.
192 (24), and setting $i = 0, 1, 2, 3$ and 4, we obtain

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l}
\frac{d}{dt} x_{10} = x_{20} \\
\frac{d}{dt} x_{20} = x_{30} \\
\frac{d}{dt} x_{30} = ax_{20} + \frac{\bar{c}}{4T_{01}^2} \left(h_s - f_1 C_{q0} - \frac{y_r^2}{C_{y0}} C_{q0} \right) + \frac{D}{4T_{01}^2} \left(h_s E(u) - \frac{1}{2} f_1 C_{y1} - \frac{y_r^2}{2C_{y0}} C_{q1} \right) \\
\frac{d}{dt} q_0 = -3\pi^2 x_{20} + \bar{c} \left(h_s - f_1 C_{q0} - \frac{y_r^2}{C_{y0}} C_{q0} \right) + D \left(h_s E(u) - \frac{1}{2} f_1 C_{y1} - \frac{y_r^2}{2C_{y0}} C_{q1} \right) \\
\frac{d}{dt} \delta_0 = \omega_s (\omega_0 - r) \\
\frac{d}{dt} \omega_0 = \frac{1}{T_{ab}} \left(\rho \left[\left(\frac{\cot \gamma}{2\pi b_s} + r \frac{\cot \beta}{F} \right) q_0 - \omega_0 r^2 \right] - m_{gs} - e_n \omega_0 \right) \\
\frac{d}{dt} y_0 = \frac{1}{T_y} (k_p (r - \omega_0) + k_i x_{40} - k_d \omega_0 - y_0 + y_s) \\
\frac{d}{dt} x_{40} = r - \omega_0 \\
\frac{d}{dt} x_{11} = x_{21} \\
\frac{d}{dt} x_{21} = x_{31} \\
\frac{d}{dt} x_{31} = ax_{21} - \frac{\bar{c}}{4T_{01}^2} \left(f_1 C_{q1} + \frac{y_r^2}{C_{y0}} C_{q1} \right) - \frac{D}{8T_{01}^2} \left(f_1 (C_{y0} + C_{y2}) + \frac{y_r^2}{C_{y0}} (C_{q0} + C_{q2}) \right) \\
\frac{d}{dt} q_1 = -3\pi^2 x_{21} - \bar{c} \left(f_1 C_{q1} + \frac{y_r^2}{C_{y0}} C_{q1} \right) - \frac{D}{2} \left(f_1 (C_{y0} + C_{y2}) + \frac{y_r^2}{C_{y0}} (C_{q0} + C_{q2}) \right) \\
\frac{d}{dt} \delta_1 = \omega_s \omega_1 \\
\frac{d}{dt} \omega_1 = \frac{1}{T_{ab}} \left(\rho \left[\left(\frac{\cot \gamma}{2\pi b_s} + r \frac{\cot \beta}{F} \right) q_1 - \omega_1 r^2 \right] - e_n \omega_1 \right) \\
\frac{d}{dt} y_1 = \frac{1}{T_y} (-k_p \omega_1 + k_i x_{41} - k_d \omega_1 - y_1) \\
\frac{d}{dt} x_{41} = -\omega_1 \\
\frac{d}{dt} x_{14} = x_{24} \\
\frac{d}{dt} x_{24} = x_{34} \\
\frac{d}{dt} x_{34} = ax_{24} - \frac{\bar{c}}{4T_{01}^2} \left(f_1 C_{q4} + \frac{y_r^2}{C_{y0}} C_{q4} \right) - \frac{D}{8T_{01}^2} \left(f_1 (C_{y3} + C_{y5}) + \frac{y_r^2}{C_{y0}} (C_{q3} + C_{q5}) \right) \\
\frac{d}{dt} q_4 = -3\pi^2 x_{24} - \bar{c} \left(f_1 C_{q4} + \frac{y_r^2}{C_{y0}} C_{q4} \right) - \frac{D}{2} \left(f_1 (C_{y3} + C_{y5}) + \frac{y_r^2}{C_{y0}} (C_{q3} + C_{q5}) \right) \\
\frac{d}{dt} \delta_4 = \omega_s \omega_4 \\
\frac{d}{dt} \omega_4 = \frac{1}{T_{ab}} \left(\rho \left[\left(\frac{\cot \gamma}{2\pi b_s} + r \frac{\cot \beta}{F} \right) q_4 - \omega_4 r^2 \right] - e_n \omega_4 \right) \\
\frac{d}{dt} y_4 = \frac{1}{T_y} (-k_p \omega_4 + k_i x_{44} - k_d \omega_4 - y_4) \\
\frac{d}{dt} x_{44} = -\omega_4
\end{array} \right. \quad (25)$$

195 The approximate responses of the stochastic hydro-turbine governing system are

$$\begin{cases}
 x_1(t, u) = \sum_{i=0}^4 x_{1(i)}(t) U_i(u) \\
 x_2(t, u) = \sum_{i=0}^4 x_{2(i)}(t) U_i(u) \\
 x_3(t, u) = \sum_{i=0}^4 x_{3(i)}(t) U_i(u) \\
 q(t, u) = \sum_{i=0}^4 q_i(t) U_i(u) \\
 \delta(t, u) = \sum_{i=0}^4 \delta_i(t) U_i(u) \\
 \omega(t, u) = \sum_{i=0}^4 \omega_i(t) U_i(u) \\
 y(t, u) = \sum_{i=0}^4 y_i(t) U_i(u) \\
 x_4(t, u) = \sum_{i=0}^4 x_{4(i)}(t) U_i(u)
 \end{cases}, \quad (26)$$

197 and their average responses are

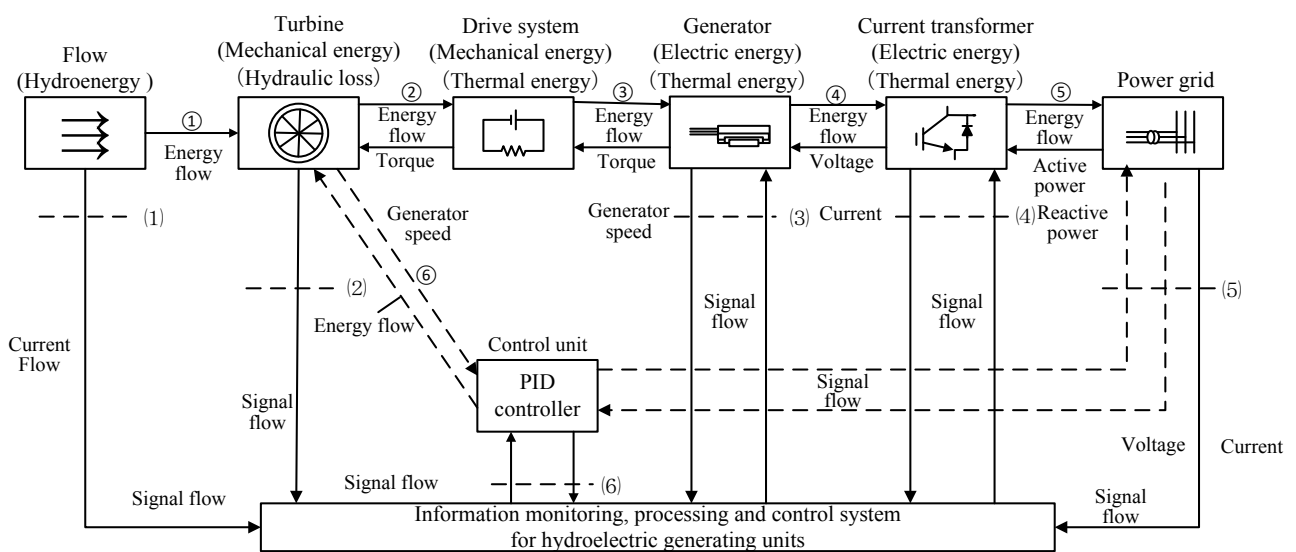
$$\begin{cases}
 E[x_1(t, u)] = \sum_{i=0}^4 x_{1(i)}(t) E[U_i(u)] = x_{10}(t) \\
 E[x_2(t, u)] = \sum_{i=0}^4 x_{2(i)}(t) E[U_i(u)] = x_{20}(t) \\
 E[x_3(t, u)] = \sum_{i=0}^4 x_{3(i)}(t) E[U_i(u)] = x_{30}(t, u) \\
 E[q(t, u)] = \sum_{i=0}^4 q_i(t) E[U_i(u)] = q_0(t, u) \\
 E[\delta(t, u)] = \sum_{i=0}^4 \delta_i(t) E[U_i(u)] = \delta_0(t) \\
 E[\omega(t, u)] = \sum_{i=0}^4 \omega_i(t) E[U_i(u)] = \omega_0(t) \\
 E[y(t, u)] = \sum_{i=0}^4 y_i(t) E[U_i(u)] = y_0(t) \\
 E[x_4(t, u)] = \sum_{i=0}^4 x_{4(i)}(t) E[U_i(u)] = x_{40}(t)
 \end{cases}. \quad (27)$$

199 4. Stability of the stochastic hydro-turbine governing system

200 The data for parameters of the stochastic hydro-turbine governing system in this paper are
 201 extracted from an existent currently operating large hydropower station, for which specific
 202 parameters are listed in Table 1. The layout of the center of the measured hydropower station is
 203 presented in Fig. 3. The plan of the data of the measured hydro-turbine flow is shown in Fig. 4.

204 Table 1 Main parameters of the existing hydropower station

Component	Parameter	Symbol	Value	Unit
Penstock		Material: Steel		
Hydro-turbine	Length	L	216	m
	Diameter	D_L	5	m
	Type: HLD294-LJ-178			
	Maximum head	H_{max}	113.5	m
	Rated head	H_{rated}	103	m
	Rated power	P_{rated}	29000	Kw
	Rated speed	n_{rated}	428.6	r/min
	Rated flow	Q_{rated}	32.86	m ³ /s
Generator	Zero load flow	Q_{nl}	4.5	m ³ /s
	Guide vane opening	Y_{max}	205	mm
	Zero load guide vane opening	Y_{nl}	21%	--
	Type: FS29-14/4000			
	Active power	$P_{e-rated}$	29	MW
	Direct axis synchronous reactance	X_d	0.9736	Ω
	Direct axis transient reactance	$X_{d'}$	0.2836	Ω
	Quadrature synchronous axis reactance	X_q	0.6169	Ω
Governor	Quadrature transient axis reactance	$X_{q'}$	0.6169	Ω
	Rated terminal voltage	$U_{S-rated}$	6.3	kV
	Damping factor	D_t	5	--
	Transient time constant of axis	T_{d0}	5.4	s
	Type: CVT-80-4 (PID)			
Governor	Permanent speed droop	b_p	0~10%	--
	proportional gain	k_p	0.5~20	s
	integral gain	k_i	0.05~10	s
	differential gain	k_d	0~5	s



205 206 Fig. 3 Layout of the center of the measured hydropower station. Circled numbers refer to interfaces

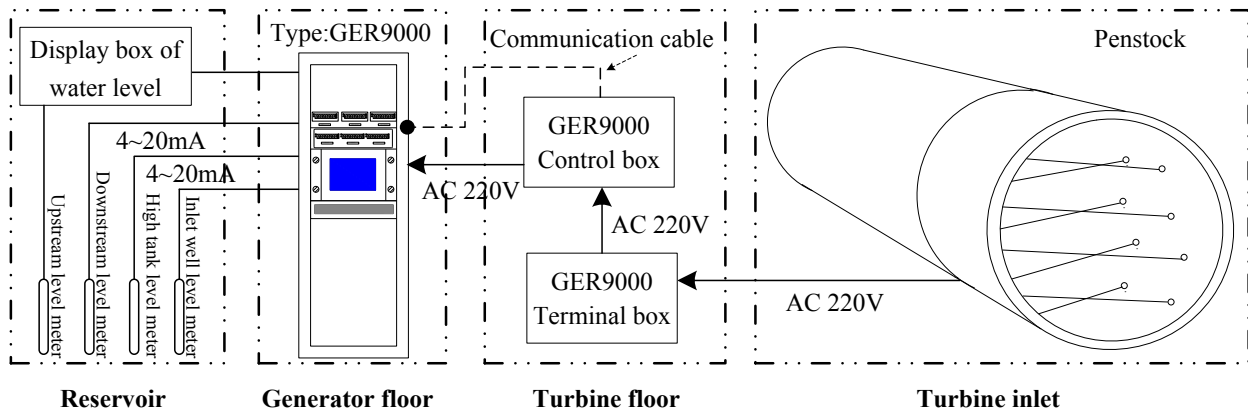
for energy transfer. Numbers in brackets refer to interfaces for information transfer.

From Fig. 3, the relationship of the material flow, energy flow and information flow in the hydropower station can be seen clearly. Specifically referring to Fig. 3, the energy interface ① can be considered as the hydro-energy carried by flowing water. With hydraulic loss and mechanical loss, the hydro-turbine converts hydro-energy into mechanical energy. At the energy interfaces ② and ③, mechanical energy is exchanged between the hydro-turbine and generator. The mechanical energy of the generator is converted into electrical energy by the electromagnetic coupling effect at the energy interface ④. In the process of energy transfer from the interface ④ to ⑤, the electrical energy is transferred to the power grid through the transformer. In light of the aforementioned analyses, the process of the interface ① to ⑤ is the main path of the energy flow for the hydro-turbine governing system. In addition, there is another energy flow which is used to control the guide vane opening, namely that at ⑥. This energy is regularly supplied by the auxiliary power system.

At the information interface (1), the hydro-turbine flow is measured by sensors. Similarly, the rotation speeds and the hydraulic forces for the turbine runner are measured at information interface (2). The collected information at interface (4) includes the torque, voltage, power and temperature for the generator. The information transferred at interface (5) includes the voltage of power grid, the active power, the reactive power, and other items. The information at interface (6) contains the guide vane opening and the turbine speed. To verify the validity of the stochastic model, here, the measurement system of the information interface (1) in Fig. 3 is presented in Fig. 4.

Referring to Fig. 4, the hydro-turbine flow is measured by sensors located on the inside wall of the penstock. The information about the turbine flow is transmitted by the communication cable at 220 V to the control box installed in the hydro-turbine floor, and then the control box passes the

230 information to the hydraulic measurement system of type GER9000.



232 Fig. 4 The plan of the measurement system of the hydro-turbine flow.

233 4.1 Parameter calibration and model verification

234 4.1.1 Definition of parameters initial values

235 The parameters of the model are calibrated by the measured data of turbine flow in 2016, and the
 236 calibrated values are verified using the measured data of January 2015 and November. From the
 237 equations of the model, it has provided a series of parameters, and some of the parameters do not
 238 affected by the location, running time and generation hours of hydropower stations. Hence, the
 239 simulation process is adjusted by sensitivity analysis, and the final values of these parameters are
 240 determined when the model output data coincide with the measured data.

241 (1) **Definition of the velocity of water hammer.** From Ref. [33], the velocity of water hammer in

242 the penstock is initially defined as 1100 m/s. The elastic time constant of the penstock can be

243 calculated by $T_{01} = \frac{L}{\alpha}$.

244 (2) **Definition of the Coefficient of Head loss in penstock.** From the construction data of *Nazixia*

245 hydropower station, the penstock is made of reinforced concrete. From the Ref. [33], the value

246 of this coefficient can be initially defined as 0.014.

247 (3) **Definition of the sectional area for penstock.** According to the construction data of *Nazixia*

248 hydropower station, the diameter of the penstock is 5 m. Hence, the diameter is initially defined

as 5 m without counting the effect of temperature, and the sectional area is calculated as 19.625 m.

(4) Definition of the PID parameters. The *Nazixia* hydropower station adopts the PID governor with the type number CTV-80-4. According to the illustration of this governor, parameter k_p changes in the interval (0.5, 20), parameter k_i changes in the interval (0.05, 10), and parameter k_d changes in the interval (0, 5). In this paper, the parameters k_p , k_i and k_d are respectively defined as 1, 2 and 4.

4.1.2 Sensitivity analysis

The OTA method is used to make sensitivity analysis, namely that only one of the parameters is increased or decreased by 10% when solving the model of the hydropower station. The calculated formula is shown in the following. The sensitivity results of the parameters are presented in Tab. 2.

$$S_p = \left| \frac{[y(x + \Delta x) - y(x)]x}{y(x)\Delta x} \right|$$

Table 2 The sensitivity results of the parameters for the hydropower station.

Parameter	L	α	f	r	k_p	k_i	k_d	T_{ab}	e_n	h_s	y_r	T_y
Sp	0	0	0	0.141	0	0	0	0	0.002	0	0	0

4.1.3 Parameter calibration

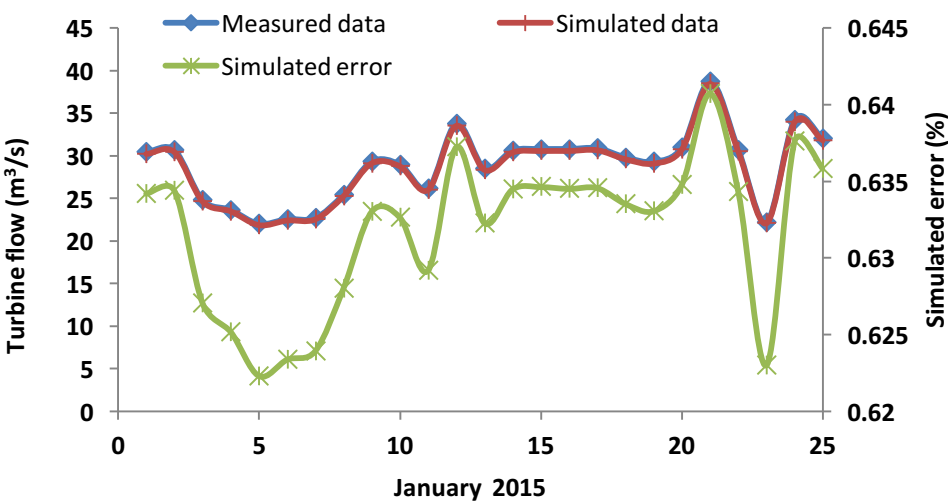
From Tab. 2, it is known that the reference input r and the regulation factor e_n are the sensitive parameters that affect the turbine flow. Using the data of the turbine flow monitoring in the rated condition, the following relationship can be obtained.

$$\begin{cases} e_n = 1 \\ r = 0.1072 \end{cases}$$

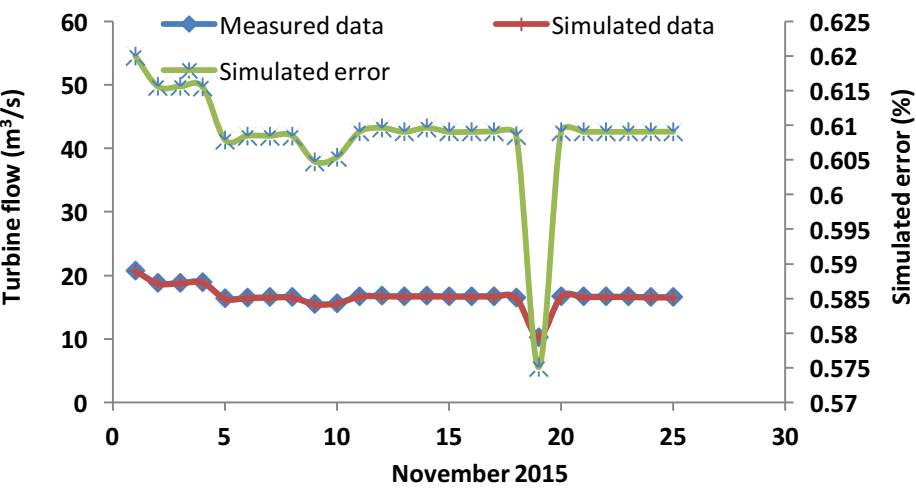
4.1.4 Model verification

Using the measured data of January 2015 and November, we can find that the maximum value

269 of simulated errors is 0.62%, the minimum value of simulated errors is 0.605%. The comparison
 270 between the simulated flow and measured flow is shown in Fig. 5.



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 272 (a) Comparison of measured flow and simulated flow in January 2015.

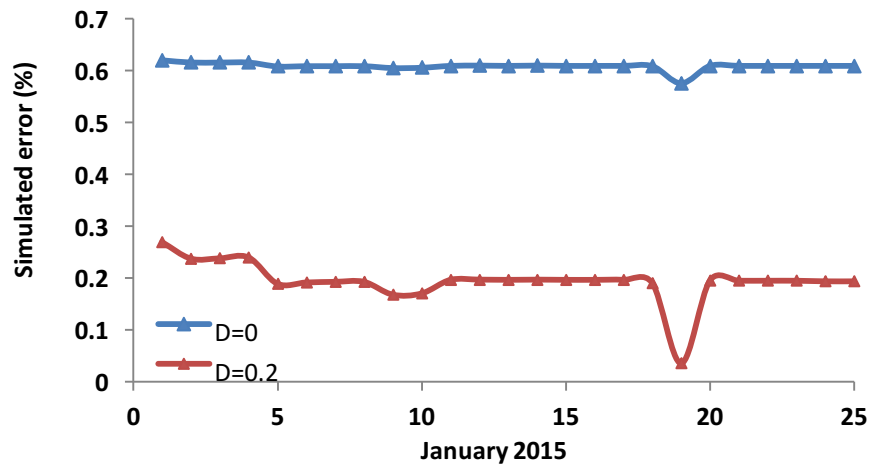


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 274 (b) Comparison of measured flow and simulated flow in November 2015.

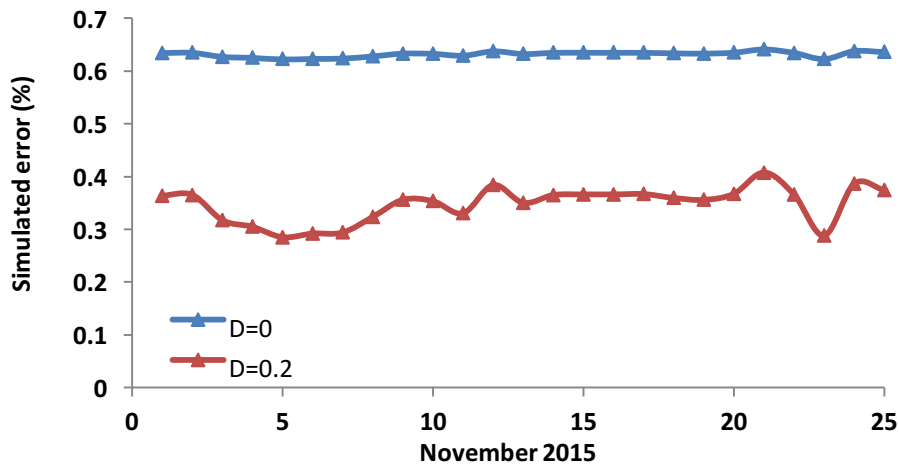
275 Fig. 5 Comparison between the simulated flow and measured flow of January 2015 and November

276 To verify the stochastic model is better than the traditional model, the turbine flow calculated
 277 from the stochastic model with $D=0.2$ is simulated, and the comparison of the simulated errors from
 278 the stochastic model and the deterministic model (Eq. 11) are presented in Fig. 6. From Fig. 6, the
 279 simulated error of the stochastic model with the intensity $D = 0.2$ is decreased by almost 50%.
 280 Therefore, the model considering the stochastic shape change of the penstock wall is more accurate

281 than the deterministic model.



282 (a) Comparison of simulated errors in January 2015



283 (b) Comparison of simulated errors in November 2015

284 Fig. 6 Comparison of the simulated errors from the stochastic model and the deterministic model

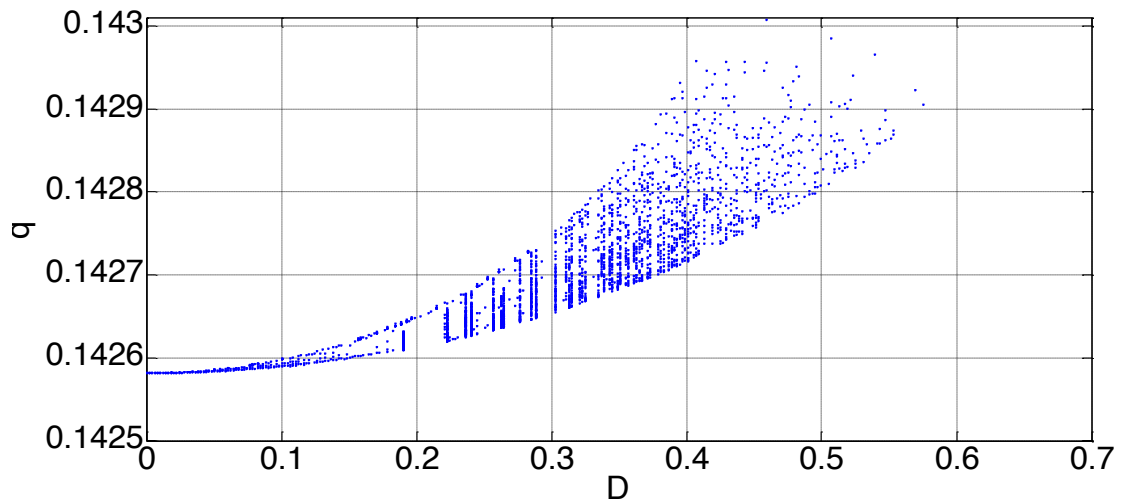
285 4.2 Stability of three typical operation conditions

286 Three different cases can be identified for analysis. First, considering that a variety of reasons
287 during operation of a hydro-turbine can lead to water hammer with different intensities (such as
288 disturbance of the electrical load, opening or closure of a valve, loose connections of pipe, and
289 intrusion of dirty water into the water distribution system), in **Case 1** we analyze the change laws of
290 the dynamic variables with the increasing stochastic intensity D . Second, from the control point of
291 view, the differential coefficient k_d reflects and predicts the change trends of deviation signals; that is
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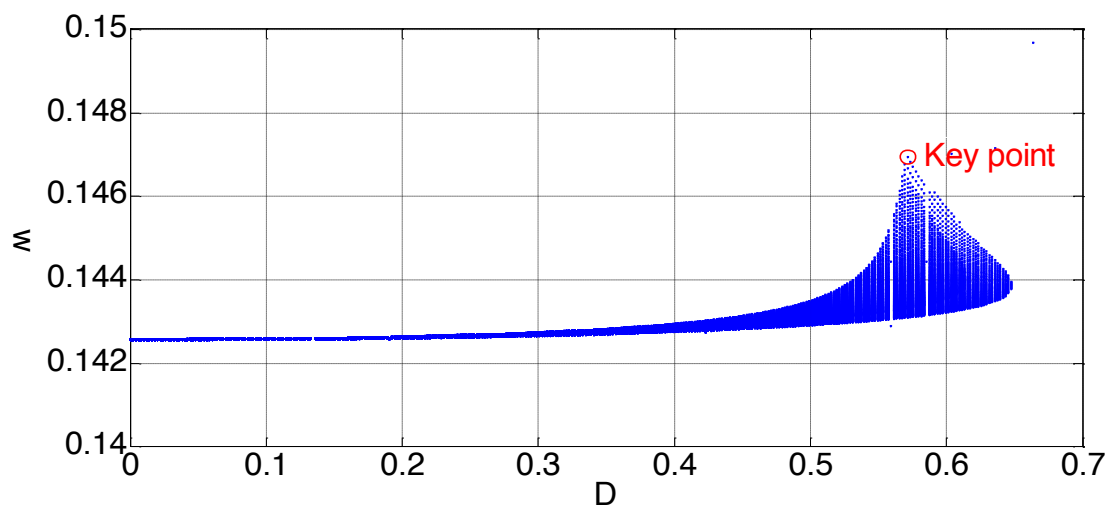
294 to say, a correction signal is introduced to the PID controller to obtain an advanced control effect
 295 before the deviation signals of the hydro-turbine governing system increase. Thus, in **Case 2**,
 296 different values of the differential coefficient k_d are simulated to study the dynamic behaviors of the
 297 system. Third, random load disturbance is considered to be a threat to any hydropower station in
 298 terms of economy, stability, and safety. Therefore, **Case 3** focuses on the responses of the system to
 299 increasing load disturbance m_{g0} .

300 **Case 1** The hydro-turbine governing system operates with the rated load. The load disturbance
 301 is not considered, i.e. $m_{g0} = 0$. The values of the PID controller parameters k_p , k_i , and k_d are 1, 3 and
 302 4, respectively.

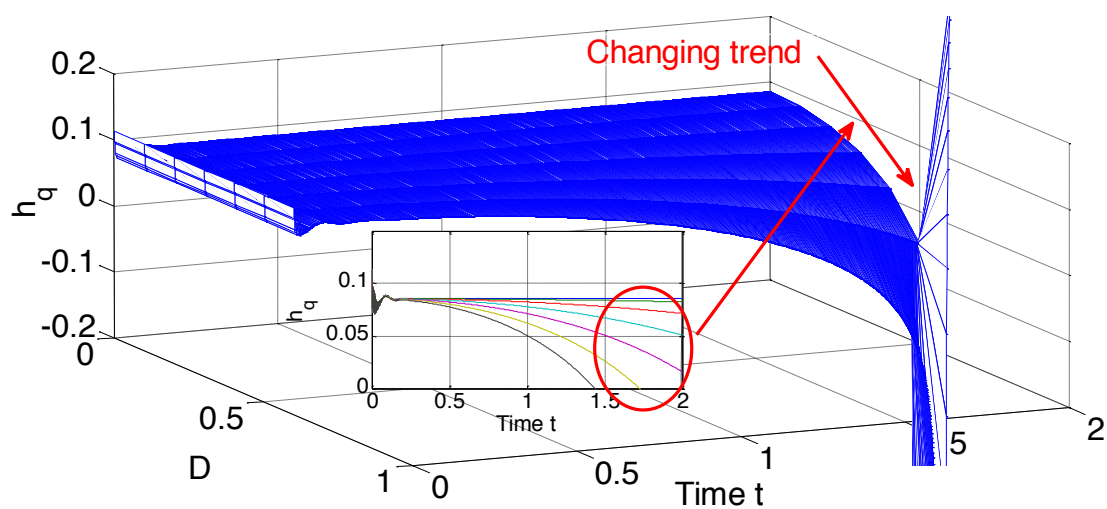
303 The dynamic evolutions of the hydro-turbine q , the generator speed ω , the head loss h_q at the
 304 hydro-turbine entrance and the guide vane opening y with respect to the stochastic intensity D are
 305 presented in Fig. 6.



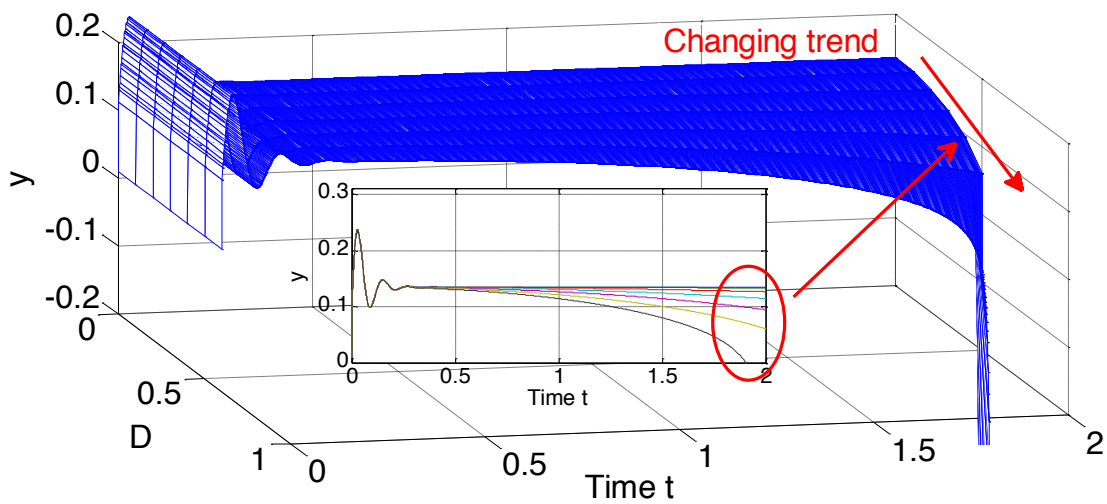
(a) Dynamic evolution of q



(b) Dynamic evolution of ω



(c) Dynamic evolution of h_q

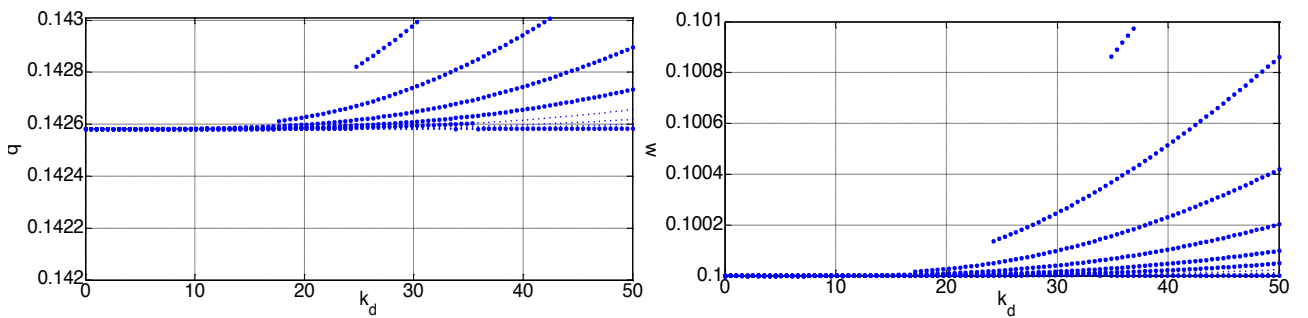


(d) Dynamic evolution of y

314 Fig. 6 The numerical applications regarding the relative deviations of the hydro-turbine flow q , the
 315 head loss h_q at the hydro-turbine entrance, and the guide vane opening y with respect to the
 316 stochastic intensity D . (a) Dynamic evolution of q ; (b) Dynamic evolution of ω ; (c) Dynamic
 317 evolution of h_q ; (d) Dynamic evolution of y ;

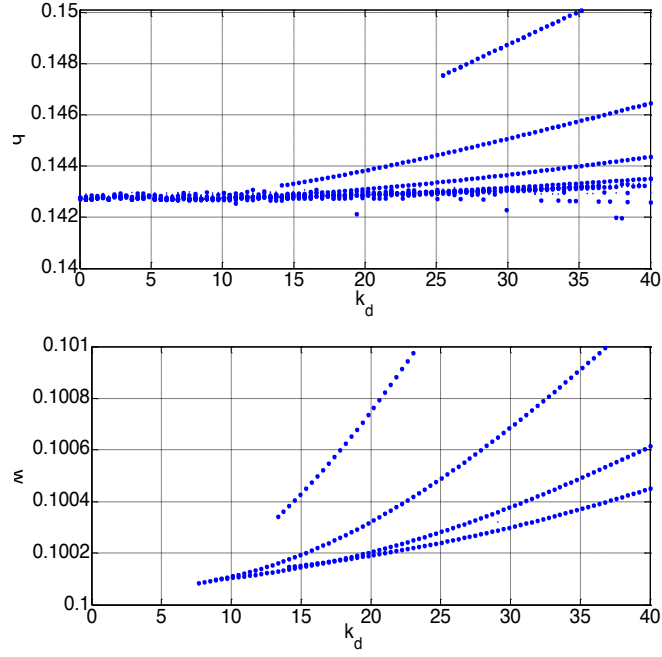
318 Figure 6 illustrates that as $0 < D < 0.1$, the dynamic characteristics flow q , generator speed ω ,
 319 head loss h_q and the guide vane opening y show very slight changes, which do not threaten the stable
 320 operation of the hydro-turbine governing system, and in this stage the PID controller is effective.
 321 When $0.1 < D < 0.6$, the hydro-turbine flow q exhibits chaotic behavior. Note, the response of q to
 322 different values for D increases slightly, which indicates that its relative deviation shows only slight
 323 variations (changing from 0.1426 to 0.1430). When $D=0.57$, there exists a critical value for the
 324 generator speed ω . When $D > 0.6$, the hydro-turbine governing system is severely affected by water
 325 hammer and becomes completely out of control. Interestingly, the generator entering into a runaway
 326 state lags behind the hydro-turbine. In the whole stage the head loss h_q at the hydro-turbine entrance
 327 and the guide vane opening y decreases gradually with the increasing time t .

328 **Case 2** The hydro-turbine governing system operates with the rated load. The load disturbance
 329 is not considered, i.e. $m_{g0} = 0$. The values of the PID controller parameters k_p and k_i are 1 and 3,
 330 respectively. The differential coefficient k_d changes from 0 to 50.



(a) Stable range of q with $D=0$

(b) Stable range of ω with $D=0$



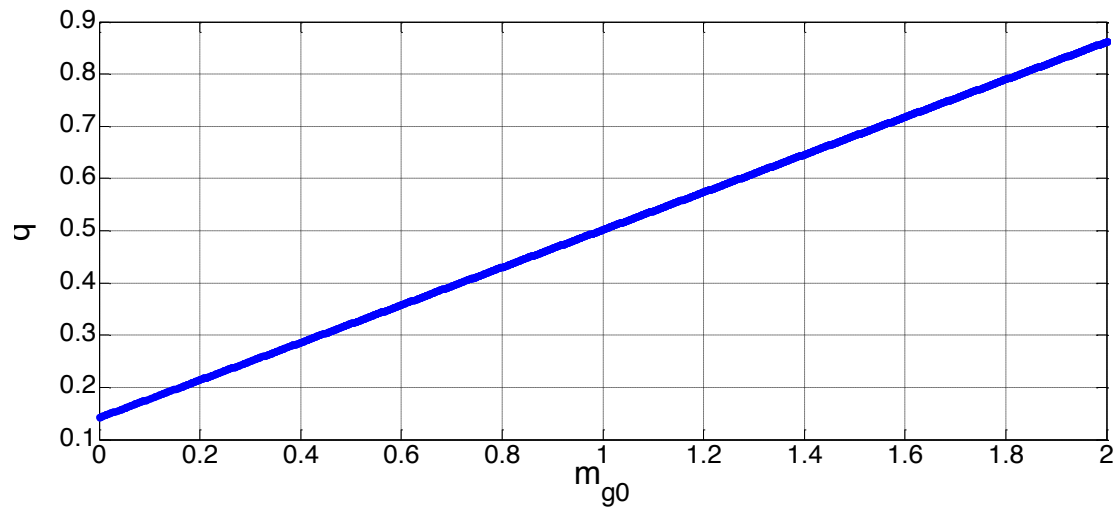
(c) Stable range of q with $D=0.4$

(d) Stable range of ω with $D=0.4$

Fig. 7 Stable range of the relative deviations of the hydro-turbine flow q and the angular speed ω of the generator with respect to the increasing differential coefficient k_d and the stochastic intensity D with 0 and 0.4. (a) Stable range of q with $D = 0$; (b) Stable range of ω with $D = 0$; (c) Stable range of q with $D = 0.4$; (d) Stable range of ω with $D = 0.4$.

As highlighted in Fig. 7, the dynamic behaviors of the hydro-turbine governing system with $D = 0$ and $D = 0.4$ show large differences. Specifically, the responses of the hydro-turbine flow q and the angular speed ω of the generator show that their relative deviations remain unchanged until they reach certain values of the differential coefficient k_d , and the respective k_d values at $D = 0$ and $D = 0.4$ are very different. These responses indicate that the stochastic intensity D is related to the stable range of the system. Moreover, the k_d values at $D = 0.4$ are less than those with $D = 0$, which needs to be addressed in actual operations, especially in transient processes.

Case 3 The hydro-turbine governing system operates with the rated load. The values of the PID controller parameters k_p , k_i and k_d are 1, 3, and 4, respectively. The stochastic intensity D is 0.2, and the load disturbance m_{g0} changes from 0 to 2.



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351 Fig. 8 Stable range of the relative deviation of the hydro-turbine flow q with respect to the
 352 increasing load disturbance m_{g0} .

353 The hydro-turbine governing system operates with the rated load excited by the positive load
 354 disturbance. Theoretically speaking, to meet the demand of the electrical load and *preserve* the
 355 stable operation of the system, the hydro-turbine flow q should increase. From the numerical
 356 experiment illustrated in Fig. 9, the stable value of the hydro-turbine flow q is shown to increase at a
 357 constant rate when the load disturbance m_{g0} changes from 0 to 2. Note that the relative deviation of
 358 the hydro-turbine flow q is proportional to the increased load disturbance m_{g0} .

359 5. Conclusions

360 In this paper, we introduced a novel stochastic variable u to the mathematical modeling of a
 361 hydro-turbine governing system, and we reduced the stochastic hydro-turbine governing system to a
 362 deterministic system. Then assuming that a hydro-turbine governing system operates with the rated
 363 load, the deterministic hydro-turbine governing system was investigated to determine the effect of
 364 the stochastic intensity D on the hydro-turbine governing system, the dynamic behaviors at
 365 increasing values of the differential coefficient k_d , and the change law of the hydro-turbine flow q in
 366 response to difference values of load disturbance. The stochastic stability of the system is

367 investigated with the continuous change of the stochastic intensity (D). It should be noted that this
368 paper only focuses on the stability of the system with the changing value of PID parameters. This is
369 because the change of the PID parameter to avoid the instability problem caused by stochastic
370 disturbance is easier and costs less, compared with changing basic structural parameters. The
371 analysis justifies the following recommendations regarding the operation of large hydropower
372 stations, especially for facilities with long penstocks: (a) the guide vane opening y should be
373 changed slowly, and (b) the differential coefficient k_d should take a small value.

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